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In re Application of:

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**RECEIVER HAVING HYDROPHILIC  
RECEIVING SURFACE**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

In response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2002, please reconsider the rejection of the above-identified application, without prejudice, in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

No references were cited against the invention. The only objection to its patentability is that the specification does not support the claimed greater hydrophilic feature of the clear layer. That rejection is erroneous and should be withdrawn.

The specification shows that the top or clear layer is more hydrophilic than the information receiving layer. The information receiving layer is shown between a barrier layer and a support layer. The barrier layer and the support layer inhibit water from entering the information receiving layer. Accordingly, in the claimed combination, the information receiving layer has less of an ability to absorb water than does the clear layer because the clear layer has an open surface for receiving the water based colorants.